GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the fact that the Bihar Government is encouraging entrepreneurs to manufacture fuel energy cells and solar energy systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Bihar Government has decided to encourage entrepreneurs to manufacture equipments to exploit immense non-conventional renewable energy resources; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Manufacture of non-conventional energy equipment has been taken up in Bihar with the active support of the State Government. Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation, a State Government Undertaking, is engaged in assembly of solar photovoltaic devices and systems. The manufacture of water pumping wind mills is being undertaken in the private sector by four manufacturers. In addition, local fabrication of solar cookers, biogas plants and improved chulhas is also being undertaken in different parts of the State. However, as fuel cell technology is still at the nascent stage, commercial production of fuel cells has not yet commenced.